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## Interoffice Memorandum

To: Asylum Office Directors  
Deputy Directors

From: Joseph E. Langlois /s/  
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Date: June 15, 2005

Re: Fact Sheet on Confidentiality

In order to clarify the rules governing the disclosure of asylum-related information to third parties, the Asylum Division has developed a comprehensive fact sheet on the confidentiality regulations at 8 CFR 208.6. This confidentiality fact sheet contains a synopsis of the regulations, the regulations in their entirety, and responses to some frequently asked questions, which cover a broad array of issues and scenarios.

Please review this fact sheet and share it with your staff. Please also distribute this fact sheet, as appropriate, to individuals or groups (e.g. law enforcement agencies, representatives, non-governmental organizations, and members of the general public) who are seeking asylum-related information on individuals and to whom the confidentiality regulations may need to be clarified.

Attachment: *Fact Sheet: Federal Regulations Protecting the Confidentiality of Asylum Applicants*, Asylum Division, June 3, 2005